Voluntary Retirement in National Project Construction Corporation

953. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the number of employees in the National Projects Construction Corporation who have been allowed to retire voluntarily; and

(b) the number of employees who have requested for voluntarily retirement under this scheme but have not yet been retired and what are the reasons therefor .?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V, C. SHUKLA) : (a) Since 1991-92, 143 employees of National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (N.P.C.C.) have been allowed to retire under' Voluntary Retirement Scheme.

(b) Applications from 243 employees for retirement under Voluntary Retirement Scheme, could not be processed by NPCC due to paucity of funds.

सतलुज यमुना सम्पर्क नहर सड़क

954. श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पंजाब और हरियाणा के बीच सतलुज यमुना सम्पर्क नहर का सड़क निर्माण कार्य रोक दिया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है;

(ग) आज तक सम्पर्क नहर का कितना हिस्सा बन चुका है और इसका कितना हिस्सा अभी अधूरा पड़ा है;

(घ) इस के निर्माण पर अभी तक कितना खर्च हो चुका है तथा इस सम्पर्क नहर का निर्माण कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा; और

(ङ) क्या जरूरी वस्तुओं की कीमतों में वृद्धि और किसानों की समस्याओं को देखते हुए सरकार इस नहर के निर्माण कार्य को जल्दी से जल्दी पूरा करने का प्रयास कर रही है और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में की जा रही कार्यवाही का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) सतलुज यमुना सम्पर्क नहर का निर्माण जुलाई, 1990 में रुक गया था जब परियोजना के मुख्य इंजीनियर और अधीक्षक इंजीनियर को आतंकवादियों द्वारा मार दिया गया था ।

(ग) जुलाई, 1990 तक लगभग 97 प्रतिशत मिट्टी कार्य, 95 प्रतिशत पलस्तर कार्य और 86 प्रतिशत संरचना कार्य पूरा हो गया था । शेष मिट्टी कार्य और पलस्तर कार्य के अलावा, सिरसा जल प्रणाल, 4 राज्य सड़क पुलों, 10 गांव सड़क पुलों, शेष 2 रेलवे पुलों के मार्ग को जोड़ने, 67 कि. मी. से 81 कि. मी. तक नहर की क्षतिग्रस्त पहुंच तथा 2.45 कि. मी. से 3 कि.मी. तक की पहुंच में नहर के विभाजन के कार्य अभी पूरे किए जाने हैं ।

(घ) इसकी 499.12 करोड़ रुपए की अद्यतन आक्लनित लागत की तुलना में मार्च, 1992 तक लगभग 476 करोड़ रुपए व्यय किए गए । परियोजना को पूरा करने की समय अनुसूची पंजाब सरकार द्वारा लगाई जाने वाली नई एजेंसी/एजेंसियों के स्वरूप और क्षमता पर निर्भर करेगी ।

(ङ) पंजाब सरकार को शेष कार्य पूरे करने के लिए उपयुक्त एजेन्सी/एजेन्सियां लगाने की सलाह दी जा चुकी है । जल संसाधन मंत्री ने पंजाब के मुख्य मंत्री को यह अनुरोध करते हुए पत्र लिखा है कि कार्य को पुन: शुरू करने के लिए अपेक्षित सभी आवश्यक कदम शीघ्र उठाएं ।

Decrease in the Groundwater in Madhya Pradesh

955. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that due to below average rainfall for the last many years the level of groundwater in Madhya Pradesh has decreased to alarming levels;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; art

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take to maintain groundwater level to the desired levels in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) and (to) Yes, Sir. Long term observation made during 1981—90 had revealed decline in ground water levels of the order of 2 to 4 meters in certain pockets of Madhya Pradesh. The localised pockets where decline in water level has occurred are located in districts of Jagdalpur, Raipur, Rajnandgaon, Reiwa, Jabalpur, Balghat, Seoni, Cbindwara, Narsinghpur, Chattarpur, Panna, Damoh, Bhind, Morena, Gwalior, Shivpuri. Guna, Hoshangabad, Bhopal, Ujjain, Dewas, Indore, Khargaon, Amtoikapur and Mand-,saur.

(c) Central Ground Water Board has formulated a scheme for Ground Water Recharge in critical blocks in the States including Madhya Pradesh.

Drip Irrigation scheme for Cotton Growing Areas

956. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have evolved a special drip irrigation scheme for cotton growing areas in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many cotton growing areas of Madhya Pradesh are likely to be covered ' under the scheme and' likely to be provided drip irrigation system with details thereof;

(d) whether Government have earmarked funds for this purpose; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) and (b) The Central Government has proposed to provide Rs. 500 crores to the State Governments to take up a number of schemes under the programme of assistance to small /Marginal farmers which include drip irrigation system among small/marginal cotton cultivators.

(c) The Government of India has not received any specific proposal from State Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding cotton growing areas likely to be covered under the scheme for providing drip irrigation system.

(d) and (e) An amount of Rs. 26.22 crores has been allocated to state Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, out of which Rs. 11.16 Crores have been released to the State Government for implementation of all the schemes of assistance to small/ marginal farmers including drip irrigation system for cotton cultivators.

Bansagar Reservoir

957. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of WATER REOSUR-CES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that agreement on Bansagar Reservoir clearly provided for one MAF water to be utilized for irrigation by Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) why the project has not been cleared so far even after detailed examination by Central Water Commission?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V. C. SHUKLA) : (a) The inter-State agreement of September 1973 on Bansagar Project entered into by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar provides a storage of one million acre feet in Bansagar Project for Uttar Predesh to be used from the Bansagar Bam and by lifting from the Sone river downstream of Bansagar.

(b) After techno-economic appraisal, Bansagar Canal Project of Uttar Pradesh was considered by the Advisory Committee in Jury, 1990. As decided therein, Uttar Pradesh Government is required to obtain clearance from environment and forest angles from Ministry of Environment & Forests. Also the State Govern- meat is required to obtain concurrence : from Government of Bihar, being the lower riparian State, to delink the clearance of this project from the issue of overall reallocation of waters of Sone basin.